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A VERY SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL was held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center Feb. 4. Young Daniel Holloway, a fifth grade student at Pioneer Park Elementary, was honored for his special artwork, which was used in the exhibit and on all the promotional material for the festival. Shown, from left, are: Daniel's fifth grade teacher Tony Rochon; Daniel Holloway accepting his award; Susan Pell, Palm' Beach County School Board member; and Bonnie Sanders, art teacher at Pioneer Park.



A REAL JUGGLING ACT... Jennifer Pate (left) and Brooke Prescott, members of Glades Day, Schools National Honor Society, were mimes for the day and performed a juggling act during the Very Special Arts Festival Feb. 4 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Photo Courteey of Karen Hansford

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GLADES DAY SCHOOL'S JUNIOR GLEE CLUB performed at the Very Special Arts Festival, Palm Beach County, on Feb. 4. The Very Special Arts Festival is an international nonprofit organization that promotes arts, education and creative expression involving children and adults with disabilities. The local chapter of Very Special Arts Florida, along with the Doly Hand Cultural Arts Center, Palm Beach Community Collage and the West Festival Planning Committee Photo Courtesey of Karen Hansford

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Gove open house

Gove Elementary School nternational Studies Magnet will have an open house on Feb. 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Deadline for applications to the International Studies Mag-net program is Feb. 27.

For more information, tact the school at 996-4985.

Weekend of champions

Members of the Bill Glass Ministries and their team of professional athletes will be providing programs to the resident of the Pahokee Youth Development Center on Feb.

The team will provide motivational speakers and demonby motorcyclists, a NASCAR driver and a skydiver. The area Ministerial Associations are assisting the team of about 200 as they meet with other facilities besides the Pahokee facility.

Church of God Revival Revival services will begin Sunday morning, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. and continue each evening at 7:30 p.m. through Feb. 20 at the Pahokee Church of God. Evangelist Marvin McDaniel of California will be

the guest speaker.

Members will also host a Cultural Awareness Festival on Saturday, Feb. 21 beginning at 10 a.m. The church is locat-ed at 245 West Third Street and the public is invited to

Sour Orange Festival is Feb. 14 in Lakeport

Lakeport's annual Sour Orange Festival is set for Saturday, Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature Lakeport's own county music band Dixie Highway, plus cloggers and line dancing, a Sour Orange Cook-off and auction, softball tournament and craft The festival will take place

under the water tower in downtown Lakeport, just off Highway 78 to C-74. Festival Chairman is Trey Bennett. He can be reached at 941-946-1627 for additional informa-

Workshops for parents offered at Glade View

Parents of students at Gla View Elementary are invited to attend an Active Parent Workshop to be held in the Parent Center on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

A continental breakfast will be served to all participants.

For more information contact Jessie P. Terry, Ruby W. Rutledge, Lisa Wiggins or Ron-

Parent workshops offered at Pahokee High

Workshops are being offered Pahokee Middle/Senior High School on Wednesday evenings, beginning Feb. 18. Titled "Active Parenting Titled "Active Parenting Today," the two hour work-shops run from 6 to 8 p.m. and will be offered Feb. 18, 25 March 4, 11, 18, and 25 in the school cafeteria. Highlights include instilling

courage and self-esteem; understanding your child's thinking; making responsibility a reality; creating coopera-tive kids; and solving problems For information on the meet-

ings, call G.C. Atkins, parent liaison, at 924-6524.

Activities for seniors open and free Glades residents 65 years old and older are invited to participate in activities held daily at the West County Senior Citizen Center, 2916 St. Road 15 Relle Glade ministrator Effie McNair

said many fun activities are scheduled for the participants, including a birthday cake and punch party held the last Friday of each month.

Other activities include

to the mall, and craft clas Fire prevention and safety classes can be held in Seniors' homes and free blood pressure screening is offered.

For more information transportation, call Mrs. McNair at 996-4808

Valentine's Day Dance to benefit Harrelle-Brooker Memorial Scholarship A Valentine's Day Dance will be held Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge, BPOE 1716 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Participants must be 18 years or older to attend. The cost is \$12 in advance or

years or older to attend.
The cost is \$12 in advance or
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hamburger/hot dog dinner.
For more information, call
Erin Meadows at 996-5981,

Shannan Kirchman at 996-7721 or the Elks Lodge at 996-9170.

Proceeds from the dance will go to the Harrelle-Brooker Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Children welcome
Lutheran Ministries of Floris
da, Inc. PEPPI Head Start, is recruiting and accepting appli-cations for three and four year old children. All are welcome, including children with disabilities and there are no fees. The center is located at 200 The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718. Contact persons are Barbara Green or Tammy Kyles.

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South Police Dept. Arrest Blotter

South Bay Police Depart ment made five arrests the week of Feb. 1-7. They also gave out 79 citations, two written warnings, handled nine offenses, three incident reports, 52 misc. incidents and four accidents this past week Those arrested included:

February 1 - Michael I Knowles, Jr., 19, possession of cocaine and fleeing and eluding an officer; Juvenile, 17, possession of cocaine and 17, possession of cocaine and resisting arrest without vio-

February 2 - April Lashawn Lawson, 1997 domestic battery; Dennis Lawson, 21, domestic bat-

February 3 - Willie Lee Bradley, 55, carrying a con-cealed weapon by a convicted

February 4 - No arrest

February 5 - No arrests

February 6 - No arrests

February 7 - No arrests



By Paula Swaford
There is probably nothing
else that renders parents and
caretakers of children so totally frustrated and helpless as a
crying child. If they could only
tell us what was wrong. then
we could "fix it". But they can-

not; all they can do is cry and cry and cry. When the frustration causes parents and care-givers to reach the breaking givers to reach the breaking point, many of them resort to shaking the baby with hopes that it will stop the incessant crying. However, not only does this inappropriate method not cause the baby to stop crying, it can be the cause of a severe form of head injury know as Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS). SBS can occur when a baby

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American public doesn't know it is dangerous to shake a baby or young child. People who shake children hard are most

shake children hard are most likely to be men in their early twenties, often daddies or other males who are taking care of a baby alone for a short period of time.

Symptoms of SBS may include changes in behavior, irritability, lethargy, loss of consciousness, pale or bluish skin, vomiting, and convulsions. Although there usually are no outward physical signs of trauma, there may be broken, injured, or dislocated bones and injuries to the neck bones and injuries to the neck and spine. Treatment is imme-diate emergency intervention to stop internal bleeding and relieve increased pressure in the brain. The outcome or prognosis is poor. Most will be left with considerable disability, and possibly loss of vision. If the child survives, he or she may require lifelong medical care for brain damaging injuries, such as mental retardation or cerebral palsy.

Everyone can become angry or frustrated when caring for children, but they need to know that when they are angry and afraid they may hurt or shake a baby. Instead of picking up the child, Dr. Charles Mahan, State of Florida Health Officer, recom-

mends the following:

Count to 10; take deep breaths, call someone (Pârents Anonymous has a free 24-hour Hotline at 1-800-352-5683),

play music; read a book, exer-cise, have a cup of tea or coffee, or sit down and close your eyes and relax. Other suggestions and relax. Other suggestions include: placing the baby in a safe place, like a crib, and leave the room for a few minutes, take a shower or bath, shake a rug, hug a pillow, think about how much you really love your baby and wouldn't want to do anything to hurt him/her, or ask a trusted friend or relative to "take yeer" for a little while, and flort pick up your baby again until you feel calm. In Florida, professional assistance is available at 1-800-FLALOVE. Remember that one shake can last a lifetime: NEVER, NEVER, NEVER SHAKE A BABY!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all of you who have taken the time to read this little column for the past this little column for the past five years. Maybe it has met some of your needs and per-haps enlightened you to the continual need for healthcare education. Most of all, perhaps it has made you think and question when things arent' right. There are many people in our community, more quali-fied than I to write a weekly fied than I, to write a weekly health column. After I step down, this will enable them to do so. So I thank you once again, and say... stay informed and stay healthy.



What a pleasure it was over the holidays to have my sevenmonth old grandson with us from Virginia. Even with my son and his new family living far away, I haven't been deprived of the "grandmother" privileges. While nothing replaces the one on one, hands on visits we've had (five so far), the many telephone calls updating me on his every move, new accomplishments, finding his toes and fingers, realizing he has a voice, fevered nights, crying spells and more, have helped to nourish the special bonding grandparents have with their grandchildren.

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Little Tyler was chewing on everything in sight and drool-ing like Niagara Falls, signal-ing the teething process had officially begum. Teeth begin to push through the gums when your halv is about six months push through the gums when your baby is about six months old. The process can make the gums red and sensitive, and some babies will be fussy and irritable with every tooth that erupts and continues until all 20 teeth come through, at

about age 2 1/2.

Just rubbing your baby's gums with your finger may make him feel better.

Sometimes a little tender care can ease the discomfort of a teething baby, cuddling, your baby, rocking him or walking with him often can make him feel better. Doctors agree chewing can make tender gums feel better. "Give your baby a clean washcloth to chew on," suggests Beverly Hunt, CFNP, "Wrapping a piece of ice in a cotton cloth and rubbing this gently on the gums helps to numb them and the pressure seems to feel good, too." can ease the discomfort of a sure seems to feel good, too."
Be sure that the ice itself
doesn't touch the gum and
make sure you keep the



wrapped ice moving rather than holding it in one place.

than holding it in one place. Teething rings with liquid centers intended for freezing are great for gum relief, however, Pediatrician Philip Colaizzo, M.D. says instead of freezing the ring, chill it in the refrigerator, instead, "A child who holds a frozen teething ring against his gums can actually get frostbitten gums. Refrigerating them gets the rings cool enough to comfort Refrigerating them gets the rings cool enough to comfort the baby's gums without the potential harm from direct ice." If your baby is in serious dis-comfort or having trouble sleeping because of teething pain, call your doctor and ask pain, call your doctor and ask about giving an over-the-counter pain reliever such as acetaminophen (Children's Tylenol). Be sure to get a pain reliever that's specifically for infants, and check with your doctor for correct usage. Products that numb the gums can help ease gum pain, just be sure to follow directions on the package for use.

Teething can cause your child to be uncomfortable, but it usually doesn't require med-ical care. Teething does not ical care. Teething does not normally cause fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite, says Dr. Colaizzo. If your child has any of these symptoms, they're likely caused by some other condition. As always, when in doubt, check with your physician and remember, children are special.

February Nationa Children's Dental Health Month and the Florida Dental Association celebrates by teaching new parents how to care for their infant's teeth.

care for their infant's teeth.
New parents sometimes don't
realize the importance of caring for their infants teeth. The
FDA says that serious tooth
decay can affect very young
children. Although a child's
primary teeth are eventually
replaced by permanent ones,
the primary teeth are critical
for proper chewing, speaking,
and appearance. Great care
should be taken to keep them
clean and healthy.

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The primary teeth of an infant or young child can be affected by baby-bottle tooth decay, also called nursing-bottle mouth. This condition develops when a baby frequently receives a bottle of milk farmula fruit juice or milk farmula fruit juice or milk, formula, fruit juice or

milk, formula, truit juice or sweetened liquids, which are meant to serve as a pacifier. Prolonged "demand" breast feeding also may cause this condition. Although the teeth

most likely to be affected are

most takely to be interest are the upper front teeth, others may be affected.

Tooth decay is caused by bac-teria, which are present in a thin film of plaque that con-stantly forms on teeth. The bacteria use sugar as an energy source and they produce acids that attack the tooth enamel. Frequent, lengthy exposure to sugary liquid can sult in acids attacking the child's teeth. After many such attacks, tooth decay can occur. All types of sugars, including those in bottle and breast milk,

those in bottle and breast milk, formula, fruit juices, and sweetened liquids can rause plaque bacteria to produce decay-causing acids. How often a child receives a bottle containing these figuids and for how long the child's teeth are exposed to decay-causing acids are two important factors.

The FDA says parents can help profect their baby's teeth by dding the following:

"After each feeding, wipe the child's teeth and gums with a clean, damp washeloth or

Healthy smiles are out of this world

gauze pad to remove plaque. Begin brushing your child's teeth as soon as the first tooth erupts (breaks through the gums). This usually occurs by

Don't put a baby to bed with a bottle of milk, formula, fruit

juice, or sweetened liquid.

*If your child needs a comforter between regular feedparties between regular feed-ings, at night, or during naps, fill a nursing bottle with cool water or give the child a clean pacifier dipped in any sweet liquid.

*Avoid filling a nursing bot-tle with liquids such as sugar water, sweetened gelatin, or enft drinks

Make sure your child gets the fluoride needed for decay-resistant teeth. Talk to your dentist about recommended methods for obtaining the proper amount of fluoride. *Schedule regular checkups beginning by the child's first birthday. The FDA is a statewide pro-

fessional organization that strives to improve public health and promote the art and science of dentistry. With a membership of about 6,300 licensed dentists, the FDA rep-resents almost 78 percent of all resents almost 78 percent of licensed dentists in Florida.







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Song and dance unprofessional

Tm calling to address the issue of the article that appeared on the front page of the Palm Beach Post on Wednesday, Feb. 4, regarding Coach Pete Walker's recent traffic citation.

Ceach Pete Walker's recent traffic citation. It's my opinion, and many others share this same feeling, that Judge Miller turned the courtroom, into a circus with this display. It sounded like something off the T.V. sitcom show "Night Court." Since when was preforming a song and dance routine an option on getting out of paying a traffic fine? If he was guilty of speeding 16 miles over the speed limit, Walker should be treated like the rest of us. Anyone else would have been forced to pay and have points assessed. But because he was associated with Glades Day School he got off scot free. Definitely something wrong with this picture. Also setting a very, very poor example for people of our community, is the fact that our chief of police was involved in this circus performance.

very unfair to anyone else who goes through Judge Miller's courtroom and gets the fine and points slapped on them whether they can afford it or not.

Sentencing may be at the discretion of the judge but this is ridiculous and there should be some definite guidelines set.

Thank you."

Chief Miller responds: "I respect the caller's opinion. Thank goodness we live in a country where good people can disagree."

Thanks for Speak Out
"I'm calling in regard to last week's Speak
Out, in reference to the filthiness at Glades
Central. Miss Bennett, the caller never criti-

cized you, in fact, the caller stated you did a wonderful job and the festival was great. You have no control over the upkeep of the school. Miss Bennett, please continue your wonder ful job as a drama teacher, If only the custodi-ans and administration at Glades Central did their jobs are upul to room of the control of the

ans and administration at Glades Central did their jobs as well as you. Thanks to Speak Out, those who work for the school board can speak out without any fear of retribution and let the public know of conditions such as this.

I am a school board employee and I visit Glades Central often and I do agree with the caller. Anytime I'm at Glades Central I feel that it's a doggone crying shame that a \$30 million dollar school has become so littered, odorous and soiled. ous and soiled.

Thank you."

Editor's note: We received a Speak Out concerning a problem a customer had with a local
fast-food restaurant. We do not publish this
type of Speak Out because we feel customers
have the option of protesting by taking their
business elsewhere. There are plenty of other restaurants who would love to have your busi

ness.

In direct contrast, this newspaper has been sharply criticized recently by officials who believe if private businesses and individuals are exempt from Speak Out, they should be also. I femind them that citizens can take their business elsewhere if they do not like the way they are treated as a customer. This is not true. ey are treated as a customer. This is not tru

they are treated as a customer. This is not true with city or county government, police, utilities, or the public school system. Citizens constantly tell me how they appreciate Speak Out and like being able to voice their opinion without fear of retribution. Many say this is their favorite part of the newspaper. Our opinion page is intended to provide a forum Speak Out continues on Page 5

"SORRY WE DON'T NEED EM. HE KNOWS IT ALL ALREADY."

Letters to the Editor

An open letter to the citizens of Belle Glade

To the citizens of Belle Glade and surrounding communities, I want to express my apprecia-tion for all of the support and affirmation I have received. Since announcing my resigna-tion as pastor of First Baptist Church of Belle Glade, in view of a call to the First Baptist Church of Parker, Florida, you have truly lived up to the rep tation of being a friendly, ca

ing community.

Belle Glade is a special community and although I have ard over and over that "so heard over and over that "some of the finest people in the world live here" I do want to affirm my belief in that state-ment. We have made a number of lifelong friends here and are thankful for our time here.

Although Belle Glade faces ome challenging obstacles, it

is a great community. Many fine citizens are pouring their hearts, lives and resources into this community to make it a better place.

better place.

My heart will always have a special place for Belle Glade. Please know that my prayers and concern will continually be lifted up for you.

Citizen comments on Monday's workshop

Dear Editor: Three cheers for city commissioners D. Bill Mathis and Clay Connell for standing up for what they believe. Obviously these are the only two mem-bers of our city commission bers of our city commission who have an open ear to their constituents. Read our lips, if our community is good enough to live in. Remember who paystheir salaries: WE, THE TAX-PAYERS.

During a workshop meeting fonday evening regarding this Monday evening regarding this subject, D. Bill Mathis pro-posed an immediate moratori-um on hiring outside the city limits, and I quote "to stop the bleeding." Unfortunately, the only other commissioner to support this action was Clay Connell.

Connell.

Frankly, from the comments made at this workshop, I left with the opinion that there are two schools of thought

Belle Glade

amongst the commissioners, one of hope for Belle Glade, and one of complacency. A com-munity cannot flourish with out hope and vision from its leaders and citizens, and from where I sat the majority of our leaders had neither.

The story behind Valentine's Day

This Valentine's Day you will robably either send or receive a Valentine from someone. More than a billion are expected to be given away in the United States alone. Who gets Valentine cards? According to Hallmark Cards, people receive them in this order: teachers, children, mothers, wives, and sweethearts. The Hartz pet food company says that three percent of pet owners will even give a 'Valentine gift to their pets. gift to their pets.

If you're like me, whenever Thanksgiving rolls around you

picture the Pilgrims and the Indians sitting at a table breaking bread together. It's the story behind the holiday the story behind the nonday that provides the spirit of warmth. when it comes to Valentine's Day, there is also a true life story behind the holi-eday, and it has a lot to teach us about the true meaning of love, secrifice, and commitment. sacrifice and commitment.

sacrince and commitment.

In the third century, the
Roman Empire was ruled by
Emperor Claudius II Gothicus.
He was nicknamed Claudius
the Cruel because of his harsh
leadership and his tendency for getting into wars and abus-ing his people. In fact, he was

getting into so many wars dur ing the third century that he was having a difficult time

was having a universely interesting enough soldiers.
Claudius believed that recruitment for the army was down because Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families behind, so he canceled

all marriages and engage-ments in Rome. Thousands of couples saw their hopes of mat-rimony dashed by the single act of a tyrant. And no one seemed interested in standing

up to the emperor.

But a simple Christian priest named Valentine did come for-See Valentine's Day, Pasge 5

Families not necessarily best suited to care for elderly-

By: Cathy Keen
Many aging parents would rather take the risks of personal freedom than kowtow to their grown children for help with daily living, a University of Florids study finds.

"Older people whose families care for thenmoften feel they must repay their children by deferring to their wishes," said Karen Pyke, a UF sociology professor who did the research. "Many elderly resent this loss of power and would rather do without care - even if they bady need it - then pay the price of having to be deferential and obedient toward their children."

Pyke's findings were based on 67 in-depth-interviews with aging parents, adult children

interviews with aging parents, adult children and adult grandchildren in 20 families in the Los Angeles area. Unlike most care giving studies, which focus on the children — usually daughters — her study relies on the perspectives. Of both parent and child, she said. The study was funded by a grant from the National Institute on Aging.

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Conflict with parents and children could esca-late, Pyke said, if cost conscious politicians shift elder care from institutions such as subsidized nursing homes to unpaid family members. She said lawmakers already are concerned about the future costs of caring for millions of aging baby

buture costs of caring for millions of aging baby boomers.

"Politicians often call up a nostalgic image of the family of an earlier day, which was often mythical anyway, to invoke this notion of family values, where people care for their elderly parents," she said. "But values alone do not assure that the nation's elderly are taken care of, and politicians ignore the costs parents pay when their children take on this burden."

Elderly parents who get help with yard work shopping and transportation often feel pressure to comply with their grown children's wishes, Pyke said. For example, one elderly couple in the study reluctantly sold their house and moved into a mobile home after the wife's stroke because their adult children insisted it was too much to care for anymore.

"The smoothest, most harmonious parent-child care giving relations occurred when parents acquiesced to their children's decisions, something staunch individualistic elders are

simply unwilling to do," she said.

When parents refused to obey, children became resentful and offen reduced or set firm limits on how much they would help, Pyke said. Loneliness and not receiving needed care were the price parents paid for not subordinating

the price parents paid for not subordinating themselves, she said.

Pyke found elderly parents in families that emphasize self-sufficiency and independence-over family obligation are especially unhappy at having to be compliant when their children step in the second i over iamily colligation are especially unhappy at having to be compliant when their children step in. However, even in families where parents formally received more day-to-day help from their children, failure to defer to their children, suiture to defer to their children wishes or express gratitude strained relations between generations, she said.

"We need policies that don't rely on just one model of family life," Pyke said. "Politicians need to recognize that families organize them selves in different ways instead of simply viewing family-based care as a panacea for the problem of elder care in this country."

Actually, suggesting that families don't do enough is something of a myth because most elder care already occurs in families and not in nursing homes, she said.

Feeling overburdened by parental responsibilities and fears about their own future, some children feel increasingly resentful about their role, Pyke said.

resential about their role, Pyke said, one 85 year old wom-an's refusal to put her bed-ridden husband in a nursing home led her son, in his 60s, and his wife to wonder if they would ever have time to enjoy their boat, which had remained docked the entire year.

enjoy their post, when the entire year.

"For the children," Pyke said, "it was a case of wondering, "When do we get a turn to enjoy some leisure before we get old and frail if all we're doing is helping our mother take care of the pyke year.

our father? "So much research on inter-generational help-ing patterns are bookkeeping efforts to say who gets what from whom," said Judith Treas, a sociology professor at the University of Califor-nia at Irvine. "Karen Pyke's work has shown how people feel about family care, particularly the emotional downside of feeling put-upon org coerced into doing what you really don't want to do."

A PLEDGE TO OUR READERS Brenda Bunting....Editor & General Manager

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eful neutrality, fairness, objectivity, fe and compassion.

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Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blot

Department handled 654 com-plaints, worked 15 crime scenes and gave 14 traffic cita-tions the week of February 2-8. Those arrested included:

February 2- No arrests

February 3- Shakira T. Webb, 20, disorderly conduct; Gilbert Stokes, 20, violation of probation; Roosevelt Gamble, 21, burglary and grand theft; Tyrone Smith, 39, driving under the influence: Gerald Blanc, 33, posession of cocaine, possession of marijua-na and battery; Jacquline Gomez, 30, possession of cocaine and petty theft.

. 5, Jessie February Christler, 45, loitering and prowling; Walter Burks, 38, aggravated domestic battery: ven Fredrick, 18, grand

February 6- Clarence Williams, 20, violation of pro-bation and possession of

February 7- Roel Rivera, 24, driving under the influence; Juvenile, 17, possession of cocaine; Manuel Segura, 42, carrying a concealed firearm; Eddie Holland, 19, shooting into an occupied vehicle and

The Belle Glade Police February 4- Robert failure to appear; Tracy pepartment handled 554 com- Thomas, 29, aggravated bat- Dison, 32, aggravated domesters, worked 15 crime tery, with a deadly weepon tic assault and battery on a

February 8- Latina Hunt 22, aggravated battery with s deadly weapon and aggravated assault with a weapon.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless othervise stated.

Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us k will confirm the information and print it.

Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

ment made one arrest the week of February 2-8. Those sted included:

No arrests February 2-

The Pahokee Police Depart- February 3- No arrests made. February 6- No arrests made.

February 4- Bernard Jones, February 7- No arrests made.

February 5- No arrests made

February 8- No arrests made

Crimestoppers

Crime Stoppers of Palm citizens to help locate Maria Martinez, who is wanted for robbery

Martinez is a Hispanic female, 5' 5", weighing 200 pounds. She has black hair

her right hand. Her date of of February 3, 1998. birth is May 3, 1975 and her Social Security Number is unknown. Her last known address was 632 Rardin Avenue; #14, Pahokee. Her last occupation was as a field work-er. Her warrant was active as

If you know the whereabouts of Martinez, or anyone involved in a serious crime call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to

Ancient Armadillo finds home

Writer: Cathy Keen University of Florida News

University of Florida News
At more than 6 feet long and
weighing as much as 600
pounds, this is one armadillo
that likely wouldn't have ended up as road kill.
That's about the size of the
armadillo University of Florida
researcher's say roamed, the
Sunshine State 10,000 years
are, and now they have a well-

ago, and now they have a well-preserved skull to prove it.
"The skull belonged to one of two species of giant armadillo that lived in Florida during the Pleistocene Epoch, and its unusually good preservation makes it one of only a handful of its kind in the United States," said Russ McCarty, a University of Florida senior biological scientist.

Found in a limestone quarry west of Gainesville, the skull now is at the Florida Museum of Natural History on the UF campus, where researchers are preserving and restoring the specimen so it can be stored and displayed in the building's ections

"It's a very important speci men because it is so complete and has all its teeth," McCarty said. "The wear patterns that we're able to see on the teeth may give us some valuable clues about these creatures' diet. We really don't know exactly what they ate. That information would give us a better understanding of the niche they occupied, their rela-tionship to other animals, as well as the whole ecosystem of

Youth learn. bicycle safety

The Palm Beach County Sheriff Department, along with Sgt. John Raulerson and Explorer Post 611, joined forced with Concerned Youth for Community Improvement,
Inc. (CYCI); Parents On Patrol
(POP) and Citizens Observer
patrol Unit 77 (COP 77) to
help register and properly

train 42 children in the new
Bicycle Law as required by the train 42 children in the new Bicyele Law as required by the State of Florida. Rev. Patricia S. Wallace, CEO for CYCLIPOP said this is only one of the many outreach programs pro-vided to the youth of the Glades area. For further infor-mation on CYCI, call 924-3344 or visit the site at 360 East Main Street, Pahokee.

the time."
Called Holmesina septentrionalis, the beasts, like their smaller modern counterparts, spread to what now is Florida from South America. Ground sloths, tapirs and other exotic creatures followed the same route into the Sunshine State,

e said. Unlike today's armadillos that subsist on termites, ants and beetles, the ancient ones, weighing as much as 600 pounds, likely needed more substantial fare to survive, he

Unfused limb bones indicate Unfused limb bones indicate the specimen was a juvenile, which may give clues bout the armadillo's growth sequency, McCarty said. "We don't know much about juveniles or. how they develop into adults," he few skulls that are found tend to be adult." Scientist also would like to

Scientist also would like to learn more about how the giant armadillos differed in its evolution from the ground sloth and glyptodont, its close

relatives, he said. Richard Hulbert, a geology professor at Georgia Southern College who saw the skull at the museum several months ago, said, "It was evident that it was much more complete than any we've previously had of these species. It certainly will be important for studying how these animals lived and trying to figure out why they

Giant armadillos becam extinct in Florida about 9,800 years ago, a period of dramatic climate change, McCarty said. But a smaller variety continued to live in South American, ued to live in South American, as did llamas, large rodents called capybaras, and tapirs, the pig-size animals closely related to horses and rhinoceroses, all of which once roamed Florida, he said.

Because people lived in Florida 11,000 to 12,000 years ago, early humans encountered giant armadillos for a few thousand vears before they dishousand vears and they were they dishous and they were they dishous and they were dishousand vears and they were dishousand vears before they dishousand vears before they dishousand vears and they were dishousand vears before they dishousand vears before they dishousand vears and they were d

thousand years before they dis

them, but they were probably considered as possible food sources," he said. "Maybe the heavy armored plates on their bodies were a good de onse

red in August. Eric Taylor, a Lake City insurance agent, showed the site to Adam Black, a biological illustrator special-izing in painting extinct Pleisrange in painting extinct ries-togene mammals, who found rabbit bones and armadillo shells sticking out of the verti-cal limestone cliff face in the Haile quarries. Six months later, when the two men returned, a rock slide had exposed more bones, including



appeared, he said.
"We haven't found any evidence that people hunted

gainst spear points.". The skull at UF was discov-





STAFF AT GLADES GENERAL HOSPITAL were proud to show off the new Telemetry Unit ly-renovated second floor recently. Shown, from left, are: Hospital CEO Gene Faile; of CCU Lorie Guerrero, Cardiologist Dr. Jean Fancaulci, Chairman of the Board Iris Amesthesiologist Dr. Paul Webster; OBIGYN Dr. Edna Garcia; and Internal Medicine Tanner; Anesthesiologist Dr. Parand Pulmonologist Dr. Yaw Alsn.

Speak Out...Continued from Page 4

for community debate and Speak Out provides a much broader range of opinion than is found on most newspaper editorial pages. It opens our newspaper to segments of the community which often feel excluded and powerless. Speak Out will continue to be

part of our editorial page and t will remain anonymous. It is he stance of Independent part of our editorial page it will remain anonymous. It is the stance of Independent Newspapers Inc. that American papers have stifled can newspapers have stifled citizen involvement by insisting that all expressions of opinions be signed by the writ-er. Speak Out returns us the the values of the American

Revolution (which might never have occurred if the anonymous expression of opinions had not been allowed.) Speak Out is simply an extension of the secret ballot concept. We will continue to listen to

our readers who overwhelming lysupport Speak Out. We also vow to continue responsible editing and allowing those in public office to respond to caller's concerns in the same issue if they so desire.



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Gerardo "Tom" and Alicia

excited to announce the birth of their second child Jordan Taylor Allen Quintero, born on October 30, 1997 at Wellington Regional Medical Center in Wellington. Jordan weighed 10 lbs., 5 1/2 oz. and was 21 inches

Paternal grandparenta are Norma and Omar Garza of Brownsville, Texas and Javier Quintero.

Smith and Stockwell speak at missions conference at Belle Glade Alliance Church

Connie Smith and her husband, Ron, are missionaries in Quito, Ecuador, a fast-growing city of 1.5 million people. Connie is a full-time professor at Alliance Bible Seminary and also serves as the director of Christian education and the women's and men's choirs at La Luz Church in that city La Luz Church in that city. She says they are really working in the church to minister God's love to the husbands of many women in the congregation. Many of these men don't have a personal relationship with Christ. She says, "I was burdened by this so much that I began a ministry called "My Beloved Unbeliever." She says they are seeing positive results of this effort. "These women have banded together women have banded together to encourage each other. We have seen some of these hus-bands make a decision to fol-low the Lord." Connie also has been a mentor to young Christian women.

Connie Smith is a mis ary serving with The Christian and Missionary Alliance, a global missionary

Missionary David Stockwell has been training pastors in the Philippines since 1970. He serves as an associate profes-sor at Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary in Zamboanga City, West Mindanao, where he is the head of the Bible and Theology Department. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, David pastors two groups on the weekends. He says, "There is a great openness to witnessing and preaching the gospel in this country. Yet at the same time there is persecution from radi-cal Muslim groups that can be challeging." David and his life, Donelda, are also involved in home Bible study and church

ministries.

David Stockwell is a missionary serving with The Christian and Missianry Alliance, a global missionary church. Smith and Stockwell will be speaking to the congregation of the Belle Glade Alliance Church from February 15-18. They will be

Alliance Church from February 15-18. They will be participating in the Storming the Gates. For the Glory of God missions conference which is open to the public and scheduled each evening at T p.m. and T p.m. on Sunday David will be speaking on February 15 and 16 and Connie will be speaking on February 17 and 18. Approximately 1,150 missionaries are "storming the gates" for God's glory in 45 countries through the ministries of prayer, proclaiming God's word, planting churches, and preparing national church leaders. Each year, local C&MA churches host missions conferences to show how God is using the Alliance to evangelize the unreached and responsive people around the world. onsive people around



Russell Nagata, associate professor at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, examines leafminer colonies on romaine lettuce at Belle Glade. He is learminer cotonies on romaine lettuce at Beile Giade. He is using genetic engineering to make lettuce resistant to the tiny leafminer insect that tunnels through leaves and makes lettuce unmarketable. The improved lettuce will lower pesticide costs for growers and produce higher quality lettuce for consumers. Photo by Milt Putnam

Parker & Stowe to wed

Walter and Linda Parker of graduate of Okeechobee High Elewiston are proud to School and attended Florida Walter and Linua Parker of Clewiston are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Diana Faye Parker to Sean Thomas Stowe. The bride-elect is a 1991 grad-

uate of Clewiston High a nd is

State University. He is current-ly employed by Frito Lay, Inc. Route Representative.

Diana and Sean will be mar-ried May 23 at the First Baptist Church of Clewiston. After the Currently attending Edison
Community College seeking a
degree in Computer Science.
The bridegroom is a 1988
The Man use an unio se maried May 23 at the First Baptist Church of Clewiston. After the wedding the couple will reside in Port Charlotte, FL.

Davila & Gonzalez

married 12-20-97

Angelica Davila and Greg Gonzalez of Clewiston were united in a double ring cere-mony on December 20, 1997 at the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston. Jody Andrews

The proud parents of the bride are Magdiel and Emilia was Lupe Navarro, grooms-Davila and the proud parents man was Daniel Gonzalez of the groom are Gregorio and ringbearer was Alex and Maria Gonzalez.

Micheal Davila escorted Angelica to the alter.

Mariachi, Toni Galvan pro

vided special music for the

Gonzalez, flower girl was Anabel Gonzalez, best man

Military News

Navy Lt. j.g. Joseph C. Nefflen, a 1990 graduate of Glades Central High School, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Shreveport.

Nefflen is one of 420 sailors and Nefflen is one of 420 sailors and 900 Marines aboard USS Shrevport, which departed its homeport of Norfolk, VA, in October as part of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group which includes the amphibious assault ship and flagship USS Guam, the dock landing ships USS Oak Hill and USS Anhand and elements of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

During the first half of the deployment, Nefflen's ship partici-pated in Exercise Bright Star, a multinational exercise off the coast of Egypt designed to improve unit readiness and interoperability with coalition forces. Transitting to the Black Sea, crew members from USS Shreveport participated in an exercise with their counterparts from the Romanian military which focused on peacekeeping support and humanitarian operations.

Nefflen has had the opportunity to visit Israel, Italy, Romania and

Turkey, where crew members from his ship participated in out-reach projects in the host commu-

Nefflen's ship can provide fast Nefflen's ship'can provide fast transport of combat troops and rapid launching ashore by both helicopters and waterborne assault. Landing craft and Sea Knight helicopters operating from Nefflen's ship can transport up to 900 combat troops, their equip-ment and supplies from ship to shore. These troops can take ornshore. These troops can take con-trol of port and air base facilities,

and prepare for follow-on forces.

He joined the Navy in May
1994. Nefflen is a graduate of U.S.
Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.,
with a BS degree.

An adventure in healing and wholeness

Rev. Patricia D. Brown, Director of Spiritual Formation for the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, will be the leader for "An Adventure in Healing and Wholeness" to be held at Community United Methodist

Community United Methodist Church in Belle Glade Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15. Throughout Florida and the nation, Patricia is recognized as a leader in spiritual formation. She is invited by Annual Conferences and national church associations and agenchurch associations and agen-cies to speak, and she serves cies to speak, and she serves as a workshop and retreat leader. As an inspirational and motivational speaker, she addresses congregational, cluster, district, state, and regional groups. The work closest to her heart is preparing leaders to develop ongoing spiritual life ministries specifically formulated to help congregations become alive in Christ. become alive in Christ

She is the author of six books, including Worship Resources for HIV & AIDS Ministries; 365 Affirmations for Hopeful Living; Meditations for Mothers of Young Children; Learning to Lead from Your Spiritual Center; and SpiritGifts: One Spirit, Many Gifts. Living; others of

Rev. Brown is a member of the Central Pennsylvania

Conference of The United Methodist Church, and is in her second year as Director of Spiritual Formation for the Florida Conferen

"An Adventure in Healing and Wholeness" was developed by the Upper Room, and is intended to provide a fundamental understanding of a holistic approach to health, as well as information needed to begin a healing ministry in the church. It is an ecumenical approach, appropriate for churches of all denominations. churches of all denominations. It consists of seven workshop sessions, spread over the two days. The schedule runs from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, and then begins again at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday and closes with a worship; service of Holy Communion and healing at 5 p.m.

Rev. Brown will preach at the 11 a.m. worship service at the church on Sunday, and a covered dish dinner will be held at noon.

The cost for the weekend is

The cost for the weekend is \$25 per person, which includes registration fee, materials & supplies, refreshments, and the Saturday noon meal. A nursery will be provided. For further information, call 996-5568. Community United Methodist Church is located at 401 S.W. First Street in Belle Glade

Xi Zeta Mu Sorority

The regular monthly meeting of Xi Zeta Mu met on January 28th in the offices of the Glades Health Survey Board, with Sandra Chamblee serving as hostess and Barbara Meroney co-hostess: Prior to the business meeting a buffet dinner was enjoyed by all and was followed by all and was followed by all and wellowed by Bryan program delivered by Bryan program delivered by Bryan Marsh M.S. of Dartmouth University. Dr. Marsh spoke on the upcoming survey and study planned for approxi-mately 800 Glades residents who will be chosen randomly for a study of tuberculosis and related diseases.

survey will cover a two year

This survey and study could provide information on how TB is spread. That knowledge could help prevent the spread of the contagious disease. The

During the meeting it was During the meeting it was announced that the anniversary luncheon will be held Saturday, February 21st at Binks Forest Country Club. Laura Mae Enfinger was the gift raffle winner. The next monthly meeting will be held on February 23rd at the home of Karen Corbin who will serve as Hostess and Laverne Motes as Co-Hostess. Members in attendance were serve as Hostess and Laverne Motes as Co-Hostess. Members in attendance were Florence Acree, Sandra Chamblee, Merelyne Cochran, Karen Corbin, Laure Mae Enfinger, Janise Goforth, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Pat McKee, Barbara Meroney Laverne Entinger, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Pat McKee, Barbara Meroney, Laverne Motes, Sara Nell Philips, Gloria Swager, Laurel Tarr and Greadle York.

SPECIAL THANKS!

The family of the late Nina Shirley would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the burden of our loss a little easier. Please know that we appreciate all the flowers, phone calls, visits, cards, food, prayers and donations made to the Church of the Nazarene and other committed in the church of the Nazarene and other committed in the church of the Nazarene and other committed in the church of the Nazarene and other committed in the church of the Nazarene and other committed in the church of the Nazarene and other committed in the church of the Nazarene and other committed in the church of the Nazarene and other committed in the church of the Nazarene and other committed in the church of the Nazarene and other committed in the church of the Nazarene and other committed in the Nazarene and other church of the Nazarene and other c

donations made to the Church of the Nazarene and other organizations.

We would like to send a Special Thanks to Pastor Bill Dever and his wife, Mikki, who were with its much of the time, We also want to thank the Nazarene Church Family for all that they have done.

She has begun her journey without us to a much better place. A place where there is no suffering. Even so, she will be missed more than words can express.

May God's love shine down on all of you!

Jimmy Shirley and Family

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Attention all-Pioneer Park Elementary Parents, we will make a difference in our students' education! Beginning Saturday, Feb. 14 there will be CTBS tutoring for all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students to pre-pare them for the CTBS test.

Tutoring will be from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
For further information or transportation, please call Ms. Stephens at 993-4480.



Rev. White honored by Ladies Society

Rev. Larry White, pastor of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church was honored by the boney Elite Ladies Society of the Glades on Thursday, January 29. Rev. White was chosen by the society to be its Honorary Ministerial member during to Ludies Society's January meeting. He was presented with a letter of acceptance and

ce Ladies Society's January meeting. The was presented with a fetter of acceptance and certificate of membership.

"We feel he is well deserving of this," says President Elsie Singletary. "He has shown reat love and concern for our community and children."

Rev. White is married to Vivian.

Mr. Joe Killingsworth was also presented a letter of acceptance and certificate of donorary membership.

The late Rev. Jesse Biggs, Jr. was the Honorary Ministerial member of the Society.

Plades Bay School Honor Roll

All A's 7-Natalie Alvarez lake Herring, Sadie McKee, weta Patel, Nicholas 8-Matthew Sanchez,

Grade 8-Matt

Grade 9-Peggy Altman, canna Alvarez, Marybeth ynik

Grade 10-Kelly Alvarez, oshua Braddock, Lindsay urtiss, follingsworth, Fenton

follingsworth, Jonathan ivley, Nisha Madhav Grade 11-Kit Hamilton, berek Lamb, Eddie Motes Grade 12-Trey Alava, larker Altman, Carlaivarez, Brianne Bahruth, courtney Braddock, Donna ranch, John Courson, ahley Cunningham, Catrina dwards, Michelle Herring, Glly Vickery, Emily Watson

All A's and B's

Grade 7-Mason Alston, Gary Brooks, Ronny Brown, Megan Byrd, Brian Gummere, Angelita Huyler, Jessica Longoria, Justin Longoria, Brock Markham Grade 8-Hela Barhoush,

Grade 8-Hela Barhoush, Olivia De Castro, Dustin Echenique, Sally El-Daghar, Justin Gregory, Mallory Grimes, Vanessa Horta, Chandra Manuel, Kerri Milita, Jeffrey Rey, Lauren Sweet, Melanie Walker, Eric Wingate, Jeffrey Woodham Grade 9-Courtney Andrews Christopher

Grade 9-Courtney Andrews, Christopher Carter, Eric Edwards, Zeinab El-Daghar, Angela Gonzalez, Ronda Halum, Shatila Halum, Kristin Hatton, Rebecca Outz, Stephen Senff, Heather York Grade 10-James Dobson,

Evelyn Fabelo, Jeremy Fountain, Miranda Fountain, Miranda Humphries, Brittany Meeks, Emily Reese, Kelly Salvatore, Christina Stevens, Jai Subramanya, Ailien Torrecilla, Erica Williams

Torrecilla, Erica Williams
Grade
11-Julie K.
Baumgartner, Crystal J.
Brown, Joshua Crawford,
Andrew Echenique, Wesly
Hawk, Jennifer Pate, Brooke
Prescott, Donnie Scruggs,
Denéa M. Wood
Grade 12-Nicole Alore
Tiffany Carte, Jessica Hart

Grade 12-Nicole Alvarez, Tiffany Carter, Jessica Hart, Mary-Anne Hollingsworth, Jason Holloway, Angela Miller, Alejandro Molares, Jon Penuel, Kristina Perez, John Penuel, Kristina Perez, Alexis Rey, Alicia Schaper, Timothy Smith, Kimberly Syples, Anien Torrecilla, Juliette Walker, Jarrod White, James Wilkinson

"You Made A Difference"

The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce proudly announces the February 'You Made A Difference' vinner as the Pahokee Main Street Design Committee, who energetically dressed the downtown with white lights prior to the annual Christmas parade. The committee is chaired by Barbara bank in the Christmas parade of the Committee is chaired by Barbara bank.

Pahokee Main Street is into its second year with Shirley Jarriel, Coordinator of the program Consultants from around the State have given their expertise to various aspects of the program. Main Street was swarded to Pahokee by the Florida Department of State as part of a competi-tive process. A restoration program targeting the downtown district is currently underway. rocess. A restoration program targeting the downto sted persons should call Mrs. Jarriel at (561) 924-6332

ESOL field trip to US Sugar

By Mrs. Roz Jacobs The School of CHOICE

The School of CHOICE
The foreign language speaking students at The School of
CHOICE were very happy to be part of the wonderful Chamber of Commerce bus tour this past.
November. We at CHOICE, have an ESOL program, which means we stive to teach our speakers of foreign languages the necessary skills for
success in an English-speaking environment.
We have students from Haiti, Mexico.

success in an English-speaking environment.
We have students from Haiti, Mexico,
Columbia, Venezuela and Puerto Rico among
others. Learning a new language at any age is
evry challenging. Special classes gand teachers
devote extra time to this very important task.
Four of our students went on the tour to US
Sugar and the plant at Bryant as well.
It was extremely exciting to see the process,
step by step of how the cane is harvested, collected, burned, selected and distributed.
Basically we saw the entire process making
three stops - two in Clewiston and the one in
Pahokee.

Pahokee.

A field, chosen in advance of our bus trip, was actually burned just so we could watch the process. The bus held 35 people mostly tourists who were camping around the Lake - the 3 - 4 monthers and several local chamber people,

myself, my students and another teacher from Pahokee High School. We proceeded then to a raintee right school. We proceed that it do lovely lunch at the Clewistor Inn, all very gen-erously provided by US Sugar. There MR. Robert Coker explained to us various aspects of the sugar-producing company. He was very enlightening and my students learned a lot from his talk as well.

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from his talk as well.
On the way back to the chamber office we stopped at the third and last stop at Bryant.
There we saw the final process called "slinging" which is how the final product is air-dried then distributed into large piles for the packaging process that finally leads to our supermared

The four students who attended were: Rita Jeanty who said "It was nice", Johnny Belin who was amazed at the machines used in the process and who thought and stated that maybe one day he could get a job at a plant as a

machinist.

We also had two good friends, Marlene Raymond and Patricia Thelemaque who were enthralled with all the sights and sounds of the big production process and exclaimed "WOW" in both English and Haitian Creole.

All in all it was a very educational and exciting trip for all of us, both student and teacher alike.

G.A.S. Clementary Honor Roll

1st Grade-Alysha Berkowitz, orri Chelsie Goff, Chad Lutz, forri Chelsie Goff, Chad Lutz, lex Mann, Coleman Sample, o Schlechter, Andrew teinberg, Yvena Therrissainty vie Walker, Jennifer Wood 2nd Grade-Andrea Browder, aleb Duff, Rebekah Falle, eanna Robinson, Kevin oyal, John Stewart, Robby for

Natia Esquirvei, Nataia
Srd Grade-Brooke Allen,
Laele Fontaine, Veronica
Borta, Brandy Johnson, Hale
Roblinson, Josh Tripp,
Lemillan, Alleigh Schlechter,
Laely Schlechter
Ath Grade-Jeffrey Edwards,
AJ. Hughes, Michael Mc-

Bryan Royal 5th Grade-Jaimee Alvarez, Kristen Lynch, Mallory McKee

1st Grade - Shiqueshia Bryant, Will Cohick, Taylor Bryant, Will Cohick, Taylor Connell, Ryan Hughes, Brandon Gay, Kaylin Mikus,

2nd Grade-Dorothy Avant, Dana Conte, Devon Edwards, Nadia Esquirvel, Natalie Harville, Justin McNeill, John

Millan, J.W. Orsenigo
4th Grade-Zulay Arnold,
Charlie Bahruth, Noelle
Basore, Kasey Brooker, Josh
Dean, Kristen Duff, Joey
Gonzales, Rachel McGee,
Sarah Menor, Noel Slesinger,
Nick Wirset.

Sarah Menor, Noel Slesinger, Nick Wingate 5th Grade-Ginnie Anderson, Shelby Markham, Aliana Payret, Scott Robinson, Joia Ford-Williams 6th Grade-Preston Baez,

Amanda Browder, Jenna Conte, Elizabeth Gonzales, Jenin Halum, Kasey Hawk, Leslie Levins, Amanda Orsenigo, Andrea Payret, Brittani Pelham

All A's

n Lynch, Mallory McKee All A's and B's

Meera Patel

AmeriCorps NCCC Partners with Campus for Living Program to promote literacy

AmeriCorps National Civilian community Corps (NCCC) fembers from across the country oin the Campus for Living rogram, again, to promote literary in Palin Beach County and survey residents about critical services

that are not being provided.

For the next eight weeks, a second team from the Charleston, SC ampus will continue to serve in ilades Glen, Clipper Cove, and ark Lake communities. Members will be assisting staff at the Youth carichment Academies, conduct-Anrichment Academies, conduct-president needs assessment sur-leys for the Campus Living office, here surveys will be used to insti-tute such services as Alcoholics anonymous, Planned Parenthood and HIV awayness programs at the residents' requests. In addition, hey will be aitling the residents accitation at Chades Glen in the stablishment of a Thrift store within the complex.

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meriCorps, a network of national
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Horta with her daughters Veronica and Vanessa. Maria received the City of Pahokee's Employee of the

Year Award.
Mrs. Herta has worked for the City of Pahokee for 15 years





Pictured to the left Barbara Branch and son, Donald Branch accepting the Pahokee Mainstreet Diamond Award

for the late Julian Branch.
Mrs. Branch also received
the lat place Christmas
Decoration Award and
October's "You Made A
Difference" Award, in honor
of her husband Julian
Branch.
Mrs. Bresch was also award.

Mrs. Brach was also award-ed with the Mainstreet Star

Role is Vital

(NU). How important are grand-parents in today's complex society? Very important, according to T. Berry Brazelion, a noted pediatri-cian and author of many books on family and child development. Brazelton, who chairs the Pam-pers Parenting Institute, is adamant about the essential role of grandpar-ents in today's society. 'Your active participation instills a sense of family and continuity that adds to your grandchildren's feelings of belong-ing and security.' he says. For more information on child and parenting topics, visit Dr. Brazelion's home page at www.pampers.com.

Grandparents' Students perform in All State Chorus



When more than 500 stu-

When more than 500 students from all over the state of Florida gathered in Tampa on Jan. 10 to perform with the All-State Chorus for the Florida Music Educators' Association, for the first time, and the school's history, two Glades Day School students were among them.

Senior Larry Coonfare, who qualified for the state chorus by passing intense oral and written exams and auditions, was selected to the All-State Senior High Concert Chorus and eighth grader Alexa States, who also had to pass the rigorous exams and auditions, sang with the All-State Treble Chorus at the Tampa

Turned off

Bay Performing Arts Center.
The two students traveled to Tampa a couple of days ahead of the scheduled concert day for rehearsals, which included at least five hours of

included at least five hours of practice time each day.
Alexa Staats joined 300 other seventh and eighth graders from around the state in performing six musical selections before a large crowd at the convention center. She was directed by noted composer and educator Dr. Z. Randalle Stroope, the director for the University of Nebraska and the music director of the Nebraska Children's Cherus.
"It was thrilling to be up

Children's Chorus.

"It was thrilling to be up there performing for all those, people," said Staats. "I learned a lot and also made some new friends."

some new friends."
Staats will also join class-mate and Junior Glee Club member Vanessa Horta as a part of the "Spotlight on part of the Spotlight on Young Musicians' concert at the Kravis Center in May. Horta had also qualified for the All-State Chorus but, because of the intense compe-tition and the large number of young musicians vying for the choirs, only one student could get a spot in the treble choir.



Alexa Staats

Dr. Larry Wyatt, of the
University of South Carolina,
was the guest conductor for
the Senior High Chorus, of
which Larry Coonfare took
part. Coonfare, who was
enthused over the time he
enjoyed rehearsing and performing with the other students, credited Dr. Wyatt
with doing an extraordinary
job of molding the 355 students together to create great
sounds. sounds.
"It was amazing that so

many of us had never met each other but we were able to accompany each other in such a short period of time," said Coonfare. "But, Dr. said Coonfare. "But, Dr. Wyatt had a great attitude and he knew how to make us create the proper sounds at just the right time. I learned so much in such a short amount of time, and it was great to talk to others about music and know they understood and felt the same way. They made it easy to sine a

music and know they understood and felt the same way. They made it easy to sing a capella in auch a large group."

Facing a crowd of more than 2,500 visitors, the Senior High Chorus performed musical selections that included Hodie, Christus and sue the Healy Willian, Pater Noster by Schulz/Wyatt and Auake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound by Handel.

"We actually sang seven songs," said Coonfare, adding that three were in Letin, one in German, and three in English. I couldn't really telly you which I liked best because they had their own unique aspect about them. I had so many emotions while the reverberation of our voices shake the building and chills just ran up and down my spine. The audience's response was truly awe-some!"



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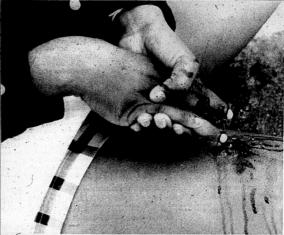


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SOUTH BAY MAYOR CLARENCE ANTHONY speaks to teenagers gathered for the firs Summit, held Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. The day-long su attended by 135 teens, was a dialog about social issues, how to dress for success, public ing, how to get along and how to achieve economic empowerment. Verna Collins with WPT a guest speaker and Kimberly Abrams was the event coordinator.



MISSING A DIGIT...Chiquita Denniefield, an LPN at West Tech, was one of the "victims" in a mock disaster drill held last week at Pioneer Park. Make-up artists Doris Hink and Susan Hull, with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, made up 12 victims to look hurt or dead.



LOCAL FACES AT THE FAIR... Members of the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau helped man the South Florida Fair Agricultural tent during the annual event. Shown, from left, are Belle Glade residents Rick Roth and Mary and Joe Orsenigo.





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Pahokee's Pioneer of the Year

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Last year a tradition was begun when two pioneers were recognized. Weve decided that this will be an ongoing tradition, so that we can give honor to as many of these irreplaceable groups as possible.

This year's honoree came to Pahokee in the thirties. He worked in agriculture for many years. For more than 50 years, he owned and operated a grocery store in the city of Pahokee and is now semiretired. He has served on numerous boards including: Everglades Regional Medical Center, Palm Beach County Health Planning Council Board and The Legal Service

Outstanding Service Awart Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Award -Concerned Citizens of Pahokee, Outstanding Service to Community Award - CYCI and Parents on Patrol Paul Powers Service Award

and Parents on Patrol Paul Rogers Service Award. He is a 50 year member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Larry White,

Pastor.

He is married with children to Mrs. Lucy Baines.

After a short-lived marriage After a short-lived marriage which produced a son called "Tiny", Kansas Mae Todd, an early resident, worked in a dry goods store in Canal Point, later gaining ownership of the

Paul Allen accepted the Distinguished Service Pahokee High School Basketball

By Sharonda Wade Pahokee H.S. Student

The Pahokee Blue Devils hosted Pope John Paul basket-ball team, Friday night. The first half of the ball game

Award presented to Life Builders

Pope John Paul came out on the court adding points on the visitors score board. With the score being, Pahokee 4 and Pope John Paul 24 in the first half, the Pahokee Blue Devils knew that they had to play a little bit harder and more determined than the next

After halftime the Pahokee Blue Devils showed there strength and ability to win the game, but Pope John Paul was too far ahead.

The final score was Pahokee 56, Pope John Paul 81.

The show down between the Pahokee Blue Devils basketball team and Glades Central Raiders took place at Pahokee High Gymnasium

Once again both team's fans were wondering which team would win the conference

Although the weather was very cold, a large amount of fans came out to give their sup-port to the Devils and the Raiders:

As soon as the Pahokee Blue Devils and the Glades Central Raiders stepped on the court both sides of the bleachers went wild calling their teams

Anquan Boldin had 26 points, 9 rebounds, and 3 assists. Bernard Jackson added 16 points and kept taking the

ball away from Glades Central with 10 rebounds.

In the last half of the ball came the score board showed a

The game went into overtime

The game went into overtime with both teams heading for the sidelines to go over their game plan with their coaches. As the players headed back on the court, the fans began to stand to their feet and both

eams coaches started pacing ack and forth. In overtime Boldin scored 4 points and Jackson 3 for Pahokee. The Pahokee Blue Devils proved once again that

they can handle any team! Final score was Pahokee 64, Glades Central 61.

Tuesday, February 3, the Pahokee Blue Devils basketball team traveled to Forest Hill's orest Hill's bleachers were

full with nonstop cheering fans that were hoping that their home team would defeat the home team would defeat the visitors, and that's just what Forest Hill did. But the Pahokee Blue Devils

put up a very strong fight to the end. The first half of the game, Shanard Edmond scored 16 points and team-mate Kenny Smith added 9 points to

Anquan Boldin scored 14 points and Bernard Jackson had 8 points both for the Pahokee Blue Devils.

Although the Pahoke Blue Devils played very hard, Forest Hill came out victorious.

Hill came out victorious.

The final score was Pahokee 64, Forest Hill 77.

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Happy Valentine's Dayl Cupid will be making his rounds at GDS a day early this year, using the sophomores as messengers in handing out car-nations to friends and sweet-hearts on Friday. It's an annunears on Friday. It's an annu-al fund raising project for the tenth graders, as they start looking ahead to sponsoring the prom their junior year. NHS and NJHS members

had a great time when they volunteered to help out at the Arts West Festival at PBCC's Glades Campus last Glades Campus last Wednesday, February 4. The NHS students, who had taken lessons in juggling over the past few weeks, entertained adults and children alike by dressing up as mimes and per-forming juggling and clown

acts.

The whole day was a lot of fun, said senior Kelly Vickery.

We really enjoyed performing for the little kids and watching them get excited.

NJHS members also did their part by helping teachers who brought their classes to watch the performances and workly

brought their classes to watch
the performances, and working
the various "hands-on" art
booths set up for the kids.

Another group who got in on
the action was the Junior Glee
Club, who performed several
songs for the audience, including the tune "Harmony," which
featured a solo by eight grader Vanessa Horta.

"The kids did really well,"
aid Glee Club director Mrs.

said Glee Club director Mrs. Lynn Pernezny. "We had fun rehearsing these songs, at least one of which we are planning

for our Spring Concert, so it gave them a chance to see the reaction of the audience to nance to see the

Last week, we reported the success of the Penny Roll Day in the high school. Now, the elementary has come up with another use for the pennies-the gym fund. Students are encouraged to bring in their pennies and any loose change for their own "Change War." The class who raises the most money during the month of February will get a free field February will get a free lend trip and pizza party. The pro-ceeds will go towards the gym squares. The winning class will also have their name included with the GDS Elementary

with the GDS Elementary name that will appear on the plaque that will be hung in the school's Robert L. Maca Athletic Center.

GDS congratulates eight graders Eric Wingate and Christin Hartzog, who were named king and queen of the junior high dance held last Friday, Feb. 6! Students in grades 9-12 will have their turn with the MORP dance scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20.

MORP is everything backwards of PROM, so it's the girls' turn to ask the guys, and

wards of PROM, so it's the girls' turn to ask the guys, and dress will be casual. The dance will be held in Tripp Hall from 9 p.m. -1 a.m. Advance tickets will go on sale Feb. 17 for \$3 cach. They will be \$6 at the door, so plan to get yours early! Reminder to parents: Monday, Feb. 16, is a school holiday in honor of Presidents' Day.



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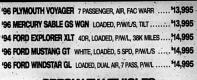
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necessary requirements.

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Civil Service Board

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February 27, 1968 at 10.90am, a public auction il be held at 655 US 27 North in South Bay orida. The following vehicles will be auctioned of

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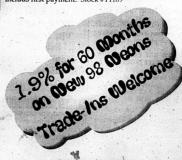
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